

Cultivate and Educate - KidneyTexas for 2023

For 24 years KidneyTexas, Inc. has hosted an annual fundraiser to fund local beneficiaries to fight Kidney Disease.

KidneyTexas, Inc. is celebrating its 24th year of hosting an annual fundraiser to fund local beneficiaries Camp Reynal-National Kidney Foundation, Children's Medical Center Foundation, Methodist Health System Foundation and Texas Health Resources Foundation. This year the luncheon and fashion show will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at Brook Hollow Golf Club. The event is chaired by **Venise Stuart** and the honorary chair is **Cindy Feld**. The fashion show will be presented by **Jan Strimple Productions** and emceed by **Scott Murray**. Sponsors are **Nardos**, **Betty Reiter**, **Tootsies** and **St. John**. The raffle and live auction has 5 enticing items. Please join us for a Patron Party on Thursday, September 14 at St. John in NorthPark.

Cindy Feld is a successful IT business leader and entrepreneur. She began her career at Frito-Lay then she joined IBM. In 1992 she left the corporate world to form The Feld Group, a successful IT company with her husband Charlie. After retirement she has served on the boards of UT Southwestern, the Dallas Leadership committee for St. Jude, Friends of the Center for BrainHealth and is a Board of Governors member for the Dallas Symphony.

Recipient of the Sue Goodnight Award is **Charlotte Kimberlin**.

The **Everson Walls** Legacy Award recipient is **Crissy Perham**, a two-time gold medalist in swimming at the 1992 Olympics and two-time NCAA champion at Arizona. She donated a kidney in January to fellow Olympic gold medalist **Missy Franklin's** father, **Dick Franklin**. She turned out to be the only match after months of tests and medical examinations. She underwent a successful kidney transplant with Dick in a Denver hospital.



Photo by Rob Wythe

Left to right: **Nancy Greenbach**, KidneyTexas, Inc. President; **Venise Stuart**, Luncheon Chair and **Cindy Feld**, Honorary Chair.

Everson Walls joined **Ron Springs** in the battle against Type 2 Diabetes by donating one of his kidneys to his friend and former teammate in March 2007. The transplant helped extend Springs' life. The first Everson walls Legacy award was given by KidneyTexas, Inc. in 2019.

Learn more about KidneyTexas, Inc. at <http://www.kidneytexas.org> and purchase luncheon tickets or raffle tickets. KidneyTexas, Inc.'s beneficiaries include medical facilities that save lives through donor donations. The attendance and donations received from the fundraiser will impact thousands of children and adults. KidneyTexas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



President's Message

Photo by Rob Wythe



Dear Fellow KidneyTexas Members,

September is almost here and by the time you read this Newsletter, you will have received the 2023 Luncheon and Fashion Show invitation to be held Tuesday September 26th at the Brook Hollow Golf Club. Our hats are off to Chair, **Venise Stuart**, for her experience and leadership in organizing KidneyTexas signature event! **Jan Strimple** Fashion Show will leave us eager to shop, **Scott Murray** Emcee charm will shine and fabulous auction items will dazzle! KidneyTexas is celebrating its 24th year of hosting its annual fundraiser for designated beneficiaries and awareness for kidney disease. This year the beneficiaries are the **Children's Medical Center Foundation**, **Methodist Health System Foundation**, **Texas Health Resources** and **Camp Reynal-National Kidney Foundation**. There are three additional worthwhile potential beneficiaries on contingency whose funding depends on KidneyTexas exceeding its luncheon fundraising goal. Due to little overhead, we are proud that a majority percentage of donations/funds raised goes directly to our beneficiaries! Just know with your luncheon attendance and support, you will be part of helping a person with kidney disease.

Please note that our website has been updated particularly with kidney statistics, history and 2023 schedule plus other sections. The current kidney statistics have been researched and verified. Thanks go to the Southwest Transplant Alliance Epidemiologist for their input. Did you know that there are currently 88,663 people on the national kidney transplant wait list and 8,294 Texans on the wait list. There were 2,394 kidney transplants performed in Texas during 2022. As of May 2023, The CDC estimates that about one in seven adults or 35.5million people have chronic kidney disease in the US. As there are not enough donors, research and early stages of kidney disease detection is crucial. The most recent pig kidney transplant experiment in a brain dead patient is performing all of the bodily functions of a healthy kidney for a month. This is the longest a pig kidney has worked in a person and now waiting to see if the kidney can last a second month. This may be the threshold for those who thought they had no hope. In our small way, KidneyTexas exists to help fund our seven Dallas medical facilities. Since 1999, KidneyTexas has raised \$4.6 million with proceeds from our 2023 fundraiser and donations to be added to this figure.

The updated 2023 Schedule of Events on our website shows an Orientation Meeting for new KidneyTexas members has been squeezed into the schedule. This aligns with our theme this year of Cultivate and Educate. Educating our members (and community) on kidney disease and its effects makes us better advocates. Even Texas State **Senator Hancock** who had a Kidney transplant with a match from his son in law has filed a bill that if passed, would try to increase the number of organs available for donation through education programs on becoming a living donor. "He hopes to make sure that others on transplant lists have a chance of finding a match especially if they aren't as fortunate as he was to have a family that did." Hancock's bill passed the Senate and is in the House Public Health Committee. Stay tune for its outcome.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at the Luncheon September 26th!

Nancy Greenbach

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President 2023

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KidneyTexas in the Community



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1. Left to right: **Deborah Brown, AB Aston, Donna Weitzman, Therese Rourk, Nancy Greenbach** - KidneyTexas President, **Venise Stuart** - Luncheon Chair, **Joni Krieg, Cindy Hanson, Cindy Feld, Natalie Taylor**. Front row: **Monica Cooley** - KidneyTexas President Elect and **Barbara Bigham**. 2. **Rose Gault, Christine Martin, Barbara Bigham, Natalie Taylor, Nancy Greenbach** - KidneyTexas President, Southwest Transplant CEO **Brad Adams, Dr. Carla Russo, Regina Bruce, Terri Bumgarner, Therese Rourk, and Deborah Brown**. 3. **Charlotte Kimberlin** - Sue Goodight Award recipient. 4. **Crissy Perham**, Gold Medalist and Everson Walls Legacy Award recipient.



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HLA Cross Match Test Update

New Development in evaluating highly sensitized patients waiting for a kidney transplant. Patients with ESRD who are being evaluated for a possible transplant are always tested for HLA antibodies. The number of antibodies that are found contribute to a cPRA percentage, which is an indication of how many donors are compatible. So called, "highly sensitized" patients, or those with many antibodies have a high cPRA. Patients with a cPRA >98% may wait for many, many years before a compatible donor is found.

Recent scientific studies have indicated that some HLA antibodies detected by the most common test used may not be clinically relevant. That is, they may represent a false positive result of the test and have no adverse impact on a transplanted organ. There are additional tests available that may help identify which antibodies are false positive.

It is possible that by simply adding an additional test for HLA antibodies to help identify false positives, the availability of a compatible donor can be significantly increased for highly sensitized patients. Additional studies are needed to quantify the number of patients that would be impacted and by how much the wait time may be shortened, but it is possible that hundreds of patients in Texas alone, could benefit from this additional information.

Goran Klintmalm, MD

Fall Tea

Tuesday, October 24th
from 2 - 4
at the home of Cindy Feld
4400 Bordeaux

Combating Kidney Disease

KidneyTexas, Inc. Received A Southwest Transplant Alliance Foundation 2023 Outlive Yourself Award

Nancy Greenbach, president of local Dallas nonprofit KidneyTexas, Inc., accepted a **Southwest Transplant Alliance Foundation 2023 Outlive Yourself Award** on behalf of KidneyTexas, Inc. at the ceremony held at Southwest Transplant Alliance (STA) Legacy Center in Dallas recently.

STA Foundation president and CEO **Brad Adams** said, “This award is bestowed annually on those who have contributed to the advancement of organ donation in meaningful ways over the past year- who have demonstrated an ability to outlive themselves through our life-saving mission. We are thankful for you and the board at KidneyTexas, Inc. and what all of you have done to achieve this milestone.” The other two award recipients were **Parkland Memorial Hospital** and the courageous family of donor hero **Jordan Santiago**.

Nancy said, “This year’s theme is ‘Cultivate and Educate,’ which speaks directly to this award and the work KidneyTexas, Inc. is doing in the community through funding our beneficiaries. The STA mission and KidneyTexas, Inc.’s purpose statements resonate with each other. STA is saving lives through donations (organ) whereas KidneyTexas, Inc.’s purpose is saving lives through donations (fiscal) to provide critical funding to the Regional Dallas Medical Transplant facilities.” Having just toured the STA facilities with the KidneyTexas, Inc. board, Nancy shared, “The KidneyTexas board had the pleasure of touring STA April 26th and not only learn about the complexities of the organ donation program but to see firsthand the care and dedication of the staff to produce positive outcomes.”

Joining Nancy at the ceremony were KidneyTexas, Inc. board members **Barbara Bigham, Regina Bruce, Terri Bumgarner, Rose Gault, Christine Martin, Therese Rourk, Dr. Carla Russo** and **Natalie Taylor**.

Membership in KidneyTexas, Inc. is open to the community. Benefits include advance invitations to events in private homes, a Spring Tea, Fall Tea,

notifications and information about the Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show. There is an annual tour of Camp Reynal, which is a summer camp especially for youth undergoing dialysis where they have an absolutely fun time just like at a normal summer camp and more.

Each and every year, more people die from kidney disease than from breast cancer or prostate cancer and thousands more, including both children and adults, are profoundly affected by the tremendous physical, financial and emotional toll brought on by kidney disease.

Thanks to the efforts of KidneyTexas, Inc., we are transforming lives: North Texans living with kidney disease and the diseases our research impacts have reason to hope for a better life. Since its founding in 1999, KidneyTexas, Inc. has provided \$4.6 million in local funding to help in the search for a cure, to promote research, enhance treatment and support quality renal care in our community. Learn more about KidneyTexas, Inc. and how to become involved at www.kidneytexas.org.



Photos by Rob Wyrthe

Nancy Greenbach, President of KidneyTexas, Inc., accepted a Southwest Transplant Alliance Foundation 2023 Outlive Yourself Award on behalf of KidneyTexas, Inc. from STA Foundation president and CEO Brad Adams.

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Dues can be paid
at www.kidneytexas.org

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KidneyTexas Calendar for 2023

January 11, **Board Kick Off Luncheon** hosted by President Nancy Greenbach

January 25, **Tour of The Transplant Unit at Methodist Hospital**

March 10, **Board Meeting/Charity Presentation Meeting**

March 28, **Spring Tea**

April 26, **Board Meeting/Luncheon and Tour of Southwest Transplant Alliance**

May 29, **Camp Reynal Trip**

September 14, **Luncheon Patron Appreciation Event**

September 26, **Luncheon/Fashion Show**

October 24, **Fall Tea**

Nov TBA, **New Member Orientation**

Nov TBA, **Board Meeting**

December, **Kidney Texas Christmas Party** (date set by hospital)

December, **Check Presentation Party** TBA

Raffle Items

5 for \$100/\$25 for 1; purchase at kidneytexas.org or call 214-891-0896

CENTRAL MARKET

\$1,000

Use this gift card for groceries, wine, catering, flowers – whatever you desire.

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\$1,000

Just in time for the holidays. This gift card includes a consultation and portrait session. Also includes one 11"x14", one 8"x10", one 5"x7" family portrait, plus 50 occasion cards.

DINE AROUND DALLAS \$1,500

Enjoy various dining options including Al Biernat's, Salum, MOMO Italian Kitchen Lake Highlands and other dining experiences throughout the city.

TOOTSIES

\$1,500

You'll enjoy this shopping spree for all your fall needs. TOOTSIES will help you find what you need to be ready for the holidays.

BETTY REITER

\$2,000

Shop 'til you drop at this exclusive boutique in The Plaza at PrestonCenter. Betty and her staff will personally help make a selection for you.

ST. JOHN

\$2,000

Jump into the latest fashion from ST. JOHN with this \$2,000 VIP gift certificate for you and 5 of your friends which includes a private champagne reception while shopping.